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## BLASDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AND SCOUT LEADER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ENTICEMENT OF A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Kollin Roy King, 26, of Hamburg, New York, has been charged in a one-Count Criminal Complaint with attempted enticement of a minor to engage in criminal sexual activity U. S. Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced. If convicted, King faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years, a \$250,000 fine and the possibility of lifetime supervised released.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, since December 2005, King had been chatting with an undercover FBI Agent posing as a 14 year old boy. Throughout the chats, King and the undercover FBI Agent engaged in sexually explicit conversations and King repeatedly requested a meeting for the purpose of engaging in sexually explicit conduct with the individual he believed to be a 14 year old boy and the 14 year old boy's young friend. As alleged in the Criminal Complaint, on January 30, 2007, King and the undercover agent posing as a 14 year old boy agreed to meet at a restaurant in Cheektowaga, New York, on February 1, 2007, at 8:30 p.m. King later rescheduled the meeting for 9:00 p.m. Upon his arrival at the Cheektowaga restaurant at 9:00 p.m., King was arrested. When asked what he would have done if he had met two minor boys instead of FBI agents, King replied, "I hope nothing would have happened." Thereafter, King admitted to arranging other meetings that due to circumstances out of King's control never came to fruition, either the minors did not show or the pre-arranged meeting location was fictitious. King did admit however to meeting a 16 year old boy on the Internet and engaging in sexual activity with the 16 year old boy in a park and at King's apartment. King denied having any inappropriate contact with any of his students at Blasdell Elementary School or any members of his cub scout den.

King appeared before U. S. Magistrate H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr., for an initial appearance on the Criminal Complaint. Gioia asked that King be detained pending further proceedings on the grounds that King poses a danger to the community and a risk of flight. King will remain in custody until a detention hearing is held on February 6, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. ET, before U.S. Magistrate Schroeder.

It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime  $\dots$  is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).

"This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <a href="www.projectsafechildhood.gov/">www.projectsafechildhood.gov/</a>."

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